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STRUCTURE, ESPECIALLY BONES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

In the above-identified application for United States patent,  
please amend as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-8 and amend claims 11-13, 17 and 19-23 as  
follows.